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SUBJECT: SAUDI AND KUWAITI AID FOR OMAN

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1. BRITISH AMB. TREADWELL TOLD AMBASSADOR JAN 18 THAT AT LONG LAST OMANGOV HAS RECEIVED "OFFER" FROM SAUDIS TO PROVIDE R.O. 34 MILLION (ABOUT US\$100 MILLION) FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN DHOFAR. HE UNDERSTANDS SUM IS TO COME ON LOAN BASIS, HALF FROM SAG ITSELF AND HALF FROM SAUDI DEVELOPMENT FUND, ON EASY TERMS. HE INDICATED OMANIS ARE CERTAIN TO "ACCEPT" THOUGH THEY DO NOT KNOW JUST WHEN IT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE OR WHETHER THEY WILL ACTUALLY BE EXPECTED TO REPAY IT.

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2. AS MOST ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, OMAN WAITED IN VAIN THROUGHOUT 1976 IN ANTICIPATION OF UP TO R.O. 100 MILLION ECONOMIC LARGESSE FROM RIYADH, WITH HMG HAVING PLAYED MIDWIFE BY DRAWING UP AN ECONOMIC SCHEME FOR DHOFAR REHAB AND DEVELOPMENT IN JANUARY 1976 IN HOPES OF PICKING OFF MOST OF THE CONTRACTS FOR BRITISH FIRMS ALREADY IN PLACE IN THE PROVINCE.

3. MEANWHILE, KUWAIT IS COMING UP WITH A FEW MILLION DOLLARS FOR DHOFAR. TREADWELL STATED THIS WILL GO FOR THREE JABAL PROJECTS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IN TAWI ATAIR AND HAJEEF, AND A PROPER ROAD LINKING HAJEEF WITH MAIN SALALAH-THUMRAID ROAD A FEW MILES AWAY. (KUWAITIS ALSO SUDDENLY SEEM CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT OMAN IS ALL ABOUT, JUDGING FROM MUSCAT'S VISITOR ROSTER FOR LAST FORTNIGHT OF JANUARY WHICH AT INTERVALS INCLUDES GOK EDUCATION AND FINANCE MINISTERS, ABDUL LATIF AL-HAMAD OF KUWAIT FUND, AND SHAIKH SAAD'S WIFE FADHILA WITH A BEVY OF FEMALE COMPANIONS).
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